

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 500

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Wanda Napier Lacy, who was recently named the 2013-2014 Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Napier Lacy is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lacy was recently selected 2013-2014 Tennessee Teacher of the Year by the Tennessee Department of Education, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a native of Celina and Clay County, Wanda Napier Lacy is a thirty-year veteran educator who presently serves with distinction as an Advanced Placement (AP) calculus teacher at Farragut High School; she was inspired to teach because her parents, the late Earl and Marie Napier, didn't have the opportunity to earn a college education; and

WHEREAS, renowned for leading student, department, and district collaboration, Mrs. Lacy "moves students past seeking only the correct answers and on to the why of learning"; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lacy's teaching philosophy centers on high expectations for every student and maximizing each student's individual mathematic ability; students in her classes regularly work together to investigate, analyze, and solve problems with real world applications; and

WHEREAS, during her six years as the AP calculus teacher at Farragut High School, all of Mrs. Lacy's students have taken the AP calculus exam, and 97 percent of them have earned college credit; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Napier Lacy is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lacy truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, she is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her husband, Raymond Lacy; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Napier Lacy truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that that we honor and congratulate Wanda Napier Lacy on being named 2013-2014 Tennessee Teacher of the Year, the state's highest teaching honor, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.